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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-4 and 11-13 remain in the application, as Claims 5-10 were previously withdrawn. Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended during the interview on November 21, 2006, with Attorney David P. Durcska. Pursuant to the interview, Applicants submit this Supplemental Amendment, in which independent Claim 1 and dependent Claims 2 and 3 have been amended.

To review, in the most recent Office Action, which was mailed on March 23, 2006, the Examiner allowed Claims 2, 3 and 11-13, and Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of these Claims. Also in the March 23<sup>rd</sup> Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 4,809,960 ("the '960 Patent") in view of Prior Art Figure 1 of the Application.

Applicants have amended independent Claim 1 to recite features of the invention that are not taught, alone or in combination, by the '960 Patent and Prior Art Figure 1 of the Application. As a result, Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claim 1 is not obvious over the '960 Patent in view of Prior Art Figure 1 of the Application.

Claim 2 has been amended to reflect the inclusion of previously-recited elements into Claim 1, while Claim 3 has been amended to adjust its dependency. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 2-3, as amended, and Claim 4, are allowable, since they depend from allowable Claim 1.

For these reasons, it is submitted that the claims remaining in the application now are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested and allowance of Claims 1-4 and 11-13 at an early date is hereby respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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